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### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.bpu.state.nj.us

## **WATER & WASTEWATER**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LAKE VALLEY WATER COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES	) ) )	ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR SERVICE
		BPU DOCKET NO. WR04070722

(Service List Attached)

#### BY THE BOARD:

On July 29, 2004, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, Lake Valley Water Company, Inc., a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and serving approximately 600 customers within portions of the Township of Pemberton, Burlington County, New Jersey, filed a petition for a revision of rates for water service, amounting to an overall increase of approximately \$128,173 or 47.90% in annual revenues. The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on September 10, 2004. The Petitioner does not seek interim rate relief pending final determination on the petition.

It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until January 10, 2005, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition;
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, N.J. 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and

(3) Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with this Board, also file proof of service of copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks to the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each affected county, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED: 8/19/04

**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** 

BY:

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ATTEST:

# I/M/O the Petition of Lake Valley Water Company For an Increase in Rates for Water Service and Other Tariff Modifications

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